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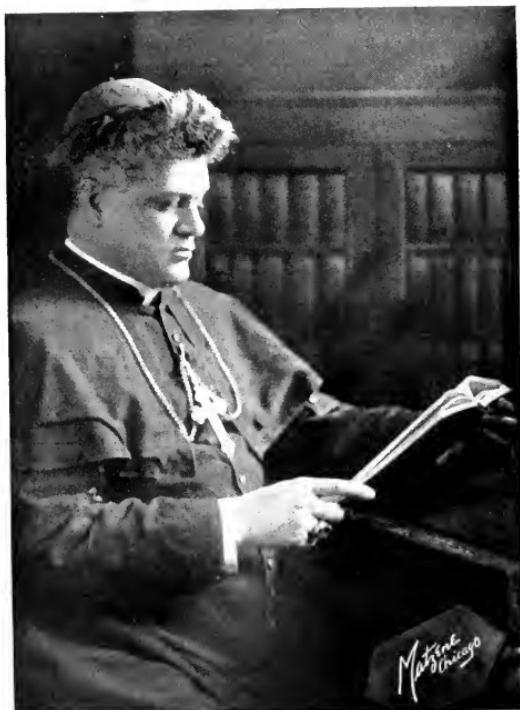
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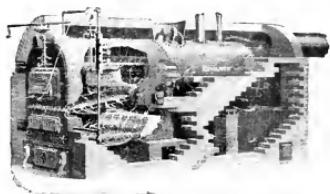
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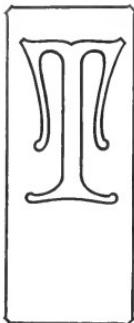
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THE Parish of St. Ignatius was formed when the property extending along Sheridan Road, from Devon to Hayes (now Loyola) Avenues, was purchased by the Jesuit Fathers March 9, 1906, for the site of the future Loyola University.

The first building erected was the Parish Church, a frame structure, with a seating capacity of four hundred, built in the mission style. The rectory was attached to the church and both occupy the southern end of property fronting on Sheridan Road between Loyola and Devon Avenues. The architects were Prindiville & Egan. Cost, \$25,000.00.

The first Mass, a Low Mass, was celebrated February 24, 1907, at 8:30, the Reverend H. J. Dumbach, S. J., Rector of St. Ignatius College, being celebrant. The second Mass, the same day, was offered by Reverend Louis Kellinger, S. J., who had been appointed pastor.

At the first Mass there was an attendance of 225, and at the second Mass about 375, the vast majority being friends of the Jesuit Fathers, attending as a sign of their good-will.

The number of families within the parish lines was seven.

During the first few months, instead of pews, common benches borrowed from the students' chapel of St. Ignatius College were used. The approach to the Church was across a sand dune over which a temporary sidewalk had been built. A number of the gentlemen of the new parish took measures to beautify the grounds during the summer of the year 1907, and the ladies of the parish held meetings to devise means for the purchase of pews. A Social and Card Party, arranged by the ladies who worshipped in the new church, furnished the funds for the pews. The middle altar had already been donated as a Memorial to Catherine Culliton Ahern. Other donations were made, such as statues, carpet for sanctuary, side altars, church bell and small organ, altar vessels, while the rectory was furnished by the constantly increasing friends of the new Church.

The boundary of the original parish extended south to Devon Avenue, east to Lake Michigan, north to Columbia Avenue, west to Southport, thence south along the east side of the street to Albion Avenue and west on Albion, the western limits not being defined. From seven families, the parish grew in a year and a half, to thirty families, the attendance at all the Masses increased and the number of those who approached the Sacraments was proportionately multiplied.

The rectory was used during this time as headquarters for the Missionary Fathers, among whom were Father M. I. Boarman, S. J., Father J. J. Donoher, S. J., Father Thomas E. Sherman, S. J., Father Simon A. Ryan, S. J., Father J. R. Rosswinkle, S. J., Father M. Leary, S. J., and Father D. M. Johnson, S. J.

September 11, 1908, the well-known missionary, Reverend J. R. Rosswinkle, was appointed pastor, to succeed the Reverend Louis Kellinger, S. J., who had been called to discharge collegiate duties at St. Ignatius College, Cleveland, Ohio.

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St. Ignatius Circle, a parish property boy club, was organized January 1910 by Father Rosswinkle.

On February 10th, 1910, the Sisters of the Holy Child Jesus from Philadelphia were permitted to establish a convent residence on Hayes Avenue, and later in the year they began to conduct classes for as many of the parish children as could be accommodated in their residence.

The Alter Society which has done such great work in this parish ever since its small beginning was formed March 1st, 1910. In December of the same year the League of the Sacred Heart was formed in the parish, which now numbered forty-five members.

On Monday July 13th, Rev. D. M. Johnson S. J., who had been giving missions in the West end work, was appointed by the Reverend R. J. Meyer, S. J., the Provincial, to take charge of St. Ignatius parish and assume the duties of Superior of Loyola Academy, while Father Rosswinkle resumed missionary work. September 4, 1911, a mixed choir was organized under the direction of Stephen A. Erti who had just returned from a musical course in Prague, Bohemia and who was engaged as organist and director.

September 11, 1911, the Sisters of the Holy Child Jesus opened their new Convent at 4339 Sheridan Road corner of Albion Avenue and conducted classes for the parish children until the parochial school building should be erected.

November 4, 1911, property adjoining Loyola University on Hayes Avenue and Lake Michigan was purchased by the Church for the purpose of erecting a parish hall thereon.

During the fall of 1911, the first regular First Communion Class was conducted in this Church by the Pastor and the children received their First Holy Communion on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8th.

In Holy Week of 1911, Father Johnson inaugurated the Devotion known as the Tre Ore or Three Hours' Prayer and Meditation for Good Friday. This was the first time that this particular devotion was practiced in Chicago.

June, 1911, the property on Hayes Avenue, (now Loyola Avenue), and Lakewood Avenue was purchased for the parish school and additional property adjoining was acquired later which now gives a frontage of over 500 feet on Loyola Avenue and 151 feet deep. The object in buying this property was to carry out the wishes of His Grace, Archbishop Quigley and provide for the site of the future parish church, the parochial residence and schools. May 1, 1912, ground was broken for the erection of the new school building, which was completed in September.

In June, 1912, Father H. S. Spalding, S. J., was appointed Superior of Loyola Academy, relieving Father Johnson of this charge. August 15, 1912, Reverend T. A. O'Malley, S. J., who had been on the Missions for seven years, was appointed Assistant Pastor.

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In the summer of 1913 an additional pastor was appointed in the person of Father Edward A. Hanhauser, S. J.

In March, 1913, the parish limits were extended by His Grace, Archbishop Quigley, north to Pratt Avenue, west to Southport and south to North Shore Avenue and west to Clark Street. This extension amounted to eight additional squares. The number of families comprising the present parish September, 1917, is estimated at over seven hundred.

A beautiful new pipe organ, the gift of Mrs. T. B. Smith, as a memorial to her husband, was dedicated September 22, 1912, at an organ recital and sacred concert.

The Reverend Fathers Wm. Power, S. J., and John McCleary, S. J., of New Orleans, gave the first Mission in this church, beginning September 29th, 1912, and ending October 13th. At the end of the Mission, steps were taken to form Sodalities for both gentlemen and ladies. The Men's Sodality was organized October 2, 1912, with Reverend T. A. O'Malley, director. The Ladies' Sodality was organized March 19, 1913, the Reverend D. M. Johnson, S. J., pastor, the spiritual director. The parish sodalities and societies and membership of each is as follows:

Men's Sodality	260
Usher's Society.....	15
Ladies' Sodality	300
Altar Society	203
Promoters of the League of the Sacred Heart....	60

In January, 1915, a general meeting of parishioners was called to discuss the advisability of taking steps to erect a new church. The parish had grown with unusual rapidity and the seating capacity of the little church had become utterly inadequate to accommodate the crowds. The decision, as to the advisability of making plans for a new edifice, was left to the vote of the parishioners. A letter was addressed to the families of the parish, enclosing reply slips, and the returns showed that about eighty-five per cent of the families wished to plan for the new building. Mr. Henry J. Schlacks submitted an excellent plan and was chosen as the architect. May 30, 1916, ground was broken. The first sod was turned by

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The construction of the church moved on rapidly. Within a year after the turning of the first sod the outer structure and much of the interior equipment had been completed.

In August, 1915, Father O'Malley, S. J., was appointed Assistant Pastor at St. Aloysius' Church, Kansas City, Mo. His place was filled by Father P. A. Murphy, S. J., who died July 26, 1917. Father J. R. Rosswinkle, a former pastor, has been appointed to take the place of Father Murphy.

The extraordinary development and growth of this parish within ten short years must be ascribed primarily to the blessings of Almighty God. These blessings have come through the devotion, piety and generosity which have always characterized the good people of the parish. The new church, which has been pronounced one of the most dignified and magnificent temples of worship in the city, is a monument to the sacrifices of the people who have on all occasions co-operated so willingly with the efforts of their pastor.



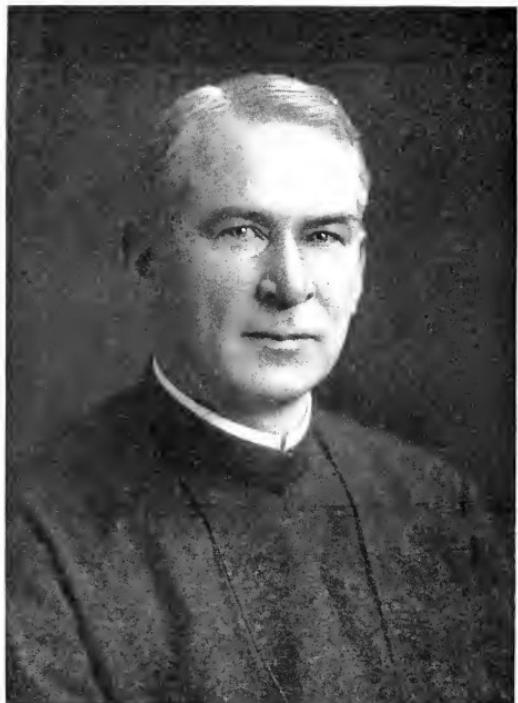
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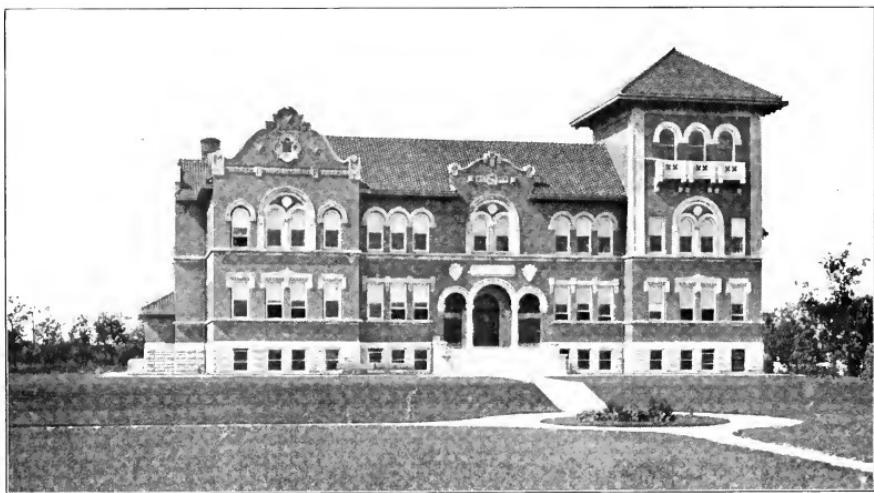
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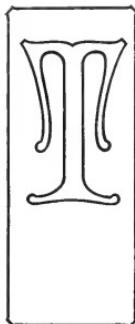
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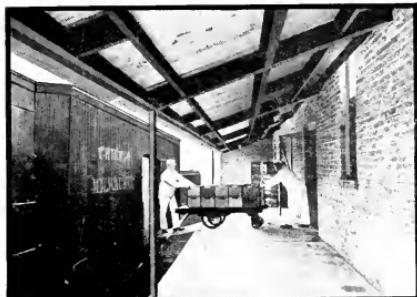
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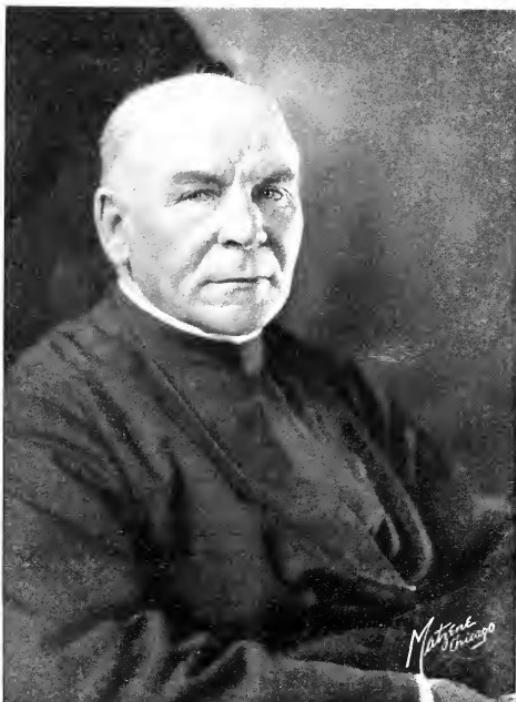
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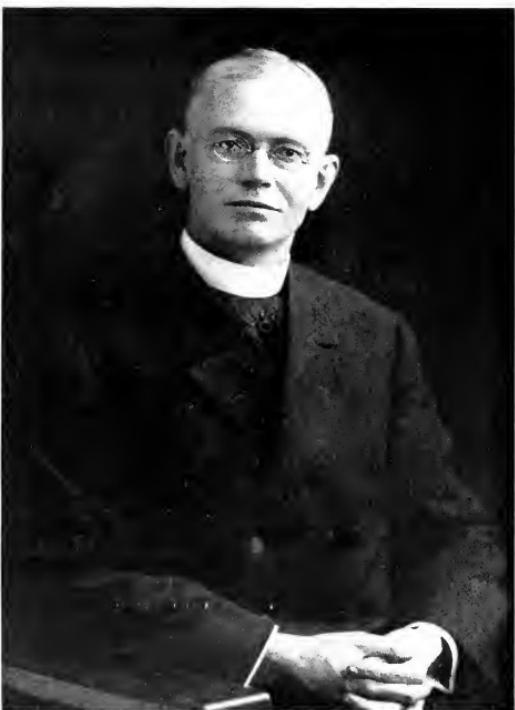
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